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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'TANTALIZING RED'

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two old, unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is
10 'TANTALIZING RED'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I
15 am aware, is its attractive red flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding
20 propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make them appear in a black and white illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following is a detailed description of the characteristics of plants of the new variety, with color terminology indicated in accordance with the Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart R.H.S.C. The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

The following observations are made on specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during November.

PLANT

Form:	Upright
Growth:	Vigorous, non-uniform
Size:	Height about 6 feet; width about 4 feet
Foliage	
Size:	Length about 1 1/2 inches; width about 1 3/4 inches
Quantity:	About 7
Color	
New foliage:	Upper side near 14A; under side near 14B
Mature foliage:	Upper side near 14A; under side near 14C
Shape:	Elliptic
Texture	
Upper side:	Smooth
Under side:	Matte
Flame:	Dark red
Coronation:	Yellow

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Leaves:
Top surface near midrib;
Under side near midrib
Stipules:
Normal
Auricles:
Alan shaped
Bachis:
Smooth
Variegation:
Slight
Veination:
None observed

Wood

New shoots

Bark:

Smooth

Wood:

Near 6CA

Old wood

Bark:

Smooth

Wood:

Near 146F

Flowering stem:

Length about 6 inches

Winter Hardiness:

Completely winter hardy

Resistance to Disease:

Average

Temperature range:

Between 14° and 110° F

Internode spacing:

Regular

Preferred growing

conditions:

Growth habit:

Upright

Leaves per stem:

About 11

FLOWER INFLORESCENCE

Blooming Habit:

Recurrent

Bud

About 1/8 to 1/4 inch

Flwr:

High-centered flower 1 1/2 to 2
inch

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Color:

Before sepals dilated, blue
near + A; when sepals dilated
blue near + D; when
petals remain the same color
near + SB

Sepals:

Pointed at ends; regular
appearance.

Microp:

Length in relation to petal,
about 1 1/2 inches

Color

Topside near 158B; bottom
near 144C

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Peduncle

About 1 1/4 inches

Length:

Firm

Strength:

Near 59C

Flower

About 6 inches

Diam.:

Singly

Borne:

High centered

Form:

About 38

Petalage:

Few

Petaloids in center:

Strong

Persistence:

Slight

Fragrance:

About 3 weeks on plant; about
6 days after cutting

Lasting quality:

Color

Inner petals at first
purple-blue + SB; outer petals
blue + SB; petals purple
blue + SB, outer petals blue

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Base of petals
Point of attachment: Near tip
General tonality from a distance:
Color: Near black
As flower ages, color will change to dark red; after 3 or more days, about the same.
General tonality from a distance:
Dark red even after 3 or more days

Petals

Texture: Soft
Shape: Wider than long
Arrangement: Normal
Appearance: Satiny

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers:
Color:

Styles:
Stigmas:

Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

Shape:
Size:
Color:
Locules:

Round

About 1/2 inch

Near 144A

No seeds developed